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WASHINGTON, December 2, 1991 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 23 totaled 347,073, up 26.6 percent from the corresponding week of 1990 (which included that year's Thanksgiving holiday) and up 3.1 percent from the preceding week, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads and 97 percent of rail intermodal loadings.

Carloadings originated were up 32.0 percent in the East and up 21.2 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1990 week, loadings of coal increased by 32,613 cars (30.1 percent), loadings of chemicals rose by 5,261 cars (22.4 percent), and motor vehicles and equipment loadings increased 6,350 cars (55.1 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 47 weeks of 1991 totaled 15,161,900, a decline of 4.5 percent from the comparable period of 1990.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 135,253 trailers and containers for the week ended November 23, up 37.0 percent from 1990.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 47 weeks of 1991 was 5,661,035 trailers and containers, 0.8 percent above the 1990 comparable total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended November 23 totaled 21.6 billion, up 29.3 percent from the corresponding week of 1990. Cumulative volume for the first 47 weeks of 1991 was an estimated 927.4 billion ton-miles, down 1.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 23, 1991

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 23, 1991	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1990	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	29,491	22,875	28.9 %	29,608	-.4 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,228	1,896	17.5	2,386	-6.6
Metallic Ores	17,609	14,452	21.8	15,886	10.8
Coal	140,593	108,380	30.1	131,933	6.9
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	12,401	9,804	26.5	13,092	-5.3
Nonmetallic Minerals	7,353	6,702	9.7	8,858	-17.0
Grain Mill Products	9,902	9,288	6.6	9,919	-.2
Food & Kindred Products	9,335	7,619	22.5	9,337	.0
Primary Forest Products	9,893	6,912	43.1	9,607	3.0
Lumber & Wood Products	5,913	3,874	52.6	5,417	9.2
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,108	9,817	3.0	9,477	6.7
Chemicals	28,742	23,481	22.4	27,727	3.7
Petroleum Products	5,206	4,212	23.6	5,414	-3.8
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8,537	7,802	9.4	8,783	-2.8
Coke	5,415	5,261	2.9	5,442	-.5
Metals & Products	9,899	9,158	8.1	9,994	-1.0
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	17,875	11,525	55.1	17,816	.3
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,765	6,073	44.3	8,860	-1.1
All Other Carloads	7,408	4,979	48.8	6,934	6.8
Total	**347,073**	**274,110**	**26.6 %**	**336,490**	**3.1 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 23, 1991 1991	1990	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 47 WEEKS ENDING NOVEMBER 23, 1991 1991	1990	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**347,073**	**274,110**	**26.6 %**	**15,161,900**	**15,876,286**	**-4.5 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	69,876	52,498	33.1	2,909,932	3,123,565	-6.8
Containers	65,377	46,242	41.4	2,751,103	2,490,902	10.4
Total	**135,253**	**98,740**	**37.0**	**5,661,035**	**5,614,467**	**.8**
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	**21.6**	**16.7**	**29.3 %**	**927.4**	**939.4**	**-1.3 %**

NOTES: Figures for Week 47 of 1990 include the Thanksgiving holiday.
Carloadings are estimated for: Week 47, 1991 - TM & TRC.

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